

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 35ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN FY22

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Alliance for Children in the Amount of \$148,100.00 to Continue Operation of the Advocacy Center for Fiscal Year 2022

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Alliance for Children in the amount of \$148,100.00 to assist with the funding of the Child Abuse Prevention Programs in the City of Fort Worth for Fiscal Year 2022.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Alliance for Children is a local children's advocacy center that seeks to protect the children of Tarrant County from abuse. Alliance for Children provides coordination efforts to local agencies investigating child abuse in order to reduce the emotional trauma of child abuse victims and to improve the justice system's response to child abuse. Alliance for Children unites efforts between public agencies to enlist community support, provide public education about child abuse, and recruit volunteers.

The Fiscal Year 2022 Budget will include the amount of \$148,100.00 to reimburse Alliance for Children for expenses. This includes a grant to cover advocacy program operating expenses, an existing lease agreement for Police Department's participation on multi-disciplinary teams at the Southland location, and to furnish space for the Police Department's Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU) at Alliance for Children's newly constructed facility that is tentatively scheduled to open during FY22. This contract is funded by the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

1. Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$73,600.00;
2. Southland Lease in the amount of \$30,000.00; and
3. Furnishings for newly constructed facility in the amount of \$44,500.

The term of the agreement will be October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget, as appropriated, in the Crime Control & Prev Dist Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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